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Subject: Referred to Region - Georgia

Tip ID: 148052

3709 - CWA (Clean Water Act) ▼

Date: 09/18/2016

Time: 10:04:00 PM

HQ Lead Number:

Recipient: Regional Tip and/or Complaint

FY16-148052-3709-CV clear

Ref. Lead Number:

Recipient Email:

Case Number:

Submitter Info

From: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Email:
Company:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:

Official: State
Statute: CWA
Action: Unspecified Government Action
Disposition: Lead Closed

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Category:

Region 4 - Stormwater ▼

Language:

English ▼

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Alleged Violator/Violation Info

Name: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:
Violation Date: 06/10/2016

Violation still occurring?: Yes

Notified state DEP, DEQ, or DEM?: Yes

Department contact:

Tip or Complaint:

The (b)(6) Personal Privacy & at the time of purchase the property was heavily wooded. This property is clearly marked as a HIGH RISK Flood Plain Zone A. On 6/10/2016, the

(b)(6) Personal proceeded to deforest 18+ acres of the land - which has caused major run-off and sediment to flow into the stream. When it rains, the stream overflows with red mud. The (b)(6) did not place silt screens or barriers to slow the rainwater. Our primary source of drinking water is a spring and we have concerns that the removal of trees and vegetation have compromised our water. The (b)(6) have also added onto an existing farmhouse by adding another bathroom and bedroom. The septic tank is located near the same stream. Local Pickens County permitting authorities approved this hazardous situation. Why? the local Pickens County authority for water, sewer and environmental issues is related to the (b)(6) by marriage. Since the land has been denuded, the existing culvert cannot handle an increase of water flow. Our house will be flooded as a result of this violation of flood plain management. This culvert referenced was installed by Pickens County in 1967. We have photographs of the stream and land before and after deforestation. Twice in 50 years, we have experienced 100 year flood situations. We do not have confidence in the local Pickens County authorities to address these environmental issues. The local flood plain map was posted in 2008 and the map can be found in this link.
[http://www.georgiadfirm.com/HTML_snapshot/HTML_snapshot.html?stNum=\(b\)\(6\) Personal Privacy](http://www.georgiadfirm.com/HTML_snapshot/HTML_snapshot.html?stNum=(b)(6) Personal Privacy) Lasty, this area of Pickens County has been declared a drought zone. The (b)(6) have at least 5 large piles of trees stumps, debris and old farm buildings that they intend to burn starting Oct 1st. We fear that due to negligence, they will catch the hardwoods on fire in our adjoining property. We are in our 80's and feel as if these new neighbors are destroying the environment, devaluing the property by ignoring flood plain management and placing our home in harms way. Please call or email as this is an urgent matter.

Update to Tip or Complaint:

Specific Directions to Site:

The property (b)(6) Personal Privacy stop of (b)(6) Personal Privacy (b)(6) Personal Privacy It will be obvious where the damage has been done.

Referrer:

<https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations>

URL for related document:

Intent	Type	Media	Entity
Accidental	Release	✓ Land	Individual
Intentional	Dump/Buried	✓ Water	Company
Unknown	Spill	Air	Government/Military
	Spray	Worker	Unknown
	Fill	Documents	
	Falsified		

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Date Sent: September 20, 2016
Time Sent: 6:22:09 AM
To: NONE

Cc:
From: Region
Subject: Final Disposition
Message: HQ Lead Number: FY16-148052-3709-CV
Potential Violator's State: Georgia
Reference Lead Number:
Potential Violator's Name: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Case Number:

Official: State
Statue: CWA
Action: Unspecified Government Action
Disposition: Lead Closed

Date Sent: September 20, 2016
Time Sent: 6:21:54 AM
To: guzman.humberto@epa.gov
Cc:
From: barrino.reginald@epa.gov
Subject: FWD: (CWA - FY16-148052-3709-CV) Referred to Region - Georgia
Message: Humberto - Thank you - Reginald

Date Sent: September 19, 2016
Time Sent: 10:05:48 AM
To: Region 4
Cc:
From: HQ Criminal
Subject: Final Disposition
Message: HQ Lead Number: FY16-148052-3709
Potential Violator's State: Georgia
Reference Lead Number:
Potential Violator's Name: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Case Number:

Official: Region
Statue: Unassigned
Action: Under Review
Disposition: N/A

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Referred By Criminal

Subject: Referred to Region - Georgia

Tip ID: 158719

3709 - CWA (Clean Water Act) ▼

Date: 07/07/2017

Time: 8:49:00 AM

HQ Lead Number:

Recipient: Regional Tip and/or Complaint

FY17-158719-3709-CV clear

Ref. Lead Number:

Recipient Email:

Case Number:

Submitter Info

From: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Email:
Company:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:

Official: State
Statute: CWA
Action: Unspecified Government Action
Disposition: Lead Closed

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Alleged Violator/Violation Info

Region 4 - Water ▼

Name: (b)(6) Personal Privacy
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:

Language:

English ▼

Violation

Date: 07/06/2017

Violation still occurring?: Yes

Notified state DEP, DEQ, or DEM?: Yes

Department contact: Tracy Feltman

Tip or Complaint:

(b)(6) Personal Privacy in a designated Flood
 Plan. The adjoining property (b)(6) Personal Privacy was purchased by
 (b)(6) Personal Privacy clear cut 18 acres of hardwood timber,

burnt the remaining timber in seven large piles and then graded the terrain down to the red clay. The stream that runs through the adjoining properties is now flooding with less than 1/2 inch of rain.

The creek is orange, rocks cannot be seen and silt has collected.

(b)(6) property is littered with red silt, burnt wood debris, silt screen fencing from the (b)(6) property and severe erosion. . Since mid-Sept 2016, (b)(6) has been visited on numerous occasions by Ga DNR employee, Tracy Feltman, Environment Specialist. Last night in anticipation of another site review by Feltman, (b)(6) had a tractor with blade / scoop and was dredging the silt out of creek. (b)(6) was advised to not use heavy equipment to remove the silt from stream. I have videos showing the flooding, silt deposits, burnt wood debris polluting the stream. The damage downstream is impacting our neighbor located 1.5 miles away at (b)(6) (b)(6) Personal Tracy Feltman cell 470-585-6855 I also have taken water samples from creek showing how polluted the creek is with red mud / debris and silt.

Update to Tip or Complaint:

Specific Directions to Site:

From the (b)(6) Personal Privacy

(b)(6) the creek is located between the 5th and 6th house on the left. Turn in at the (b)(6) Personal Privacy and drive (b)(6) (b)(6) Personal Privacy

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	Spray	Worker	Unknown
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Date Sent: July 10, 2017

Time Sent: 7:36:08 AM

To: NONE

Cc:

From: Region

Subject: Final Disposition

Message: HQ Lead Number: FY17-158719-3709-CV
Potential Violator's State: Georgia
Reference Lead Number:
Potential Violator's Name: Brandon & Sara Ridings
Case Number:

Official: State

Statue: CWA

Action: Unspecified Government Action

Disposition: Lead Closed

Date Sent: July 10, 2017
Time Sent: 7:35:51 AM
To: guzman.humberto@epa.gov
Cc:
From: barrino.reginald@epa.gov
Subject: FWD: (CWA - FY17-158719-3709-CV) Referred to Region - Georgia
Message: Humberto - FYI. Thank you, Reginald

Date Sent: July 7, 2017
Time Sent: 5:19:46 PM
To: Region 4
Cc:
From: HQ Criminal
Subject: Final Disposition
Message: HQ Lead Number: FY17-158719-3709
Potential Violator's State: Georgia
Reference Lead Number:
Potential Violator's Name: Brandon & Sara Ridings
Case Number:

Official: Region
Statue: Unassigned
Action: Under Review
Disposition: N/A

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